Sexual Assault Awareness Week kicks off

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Sexual assaults are among the most terrible of human experiences, and people of all communities have a moral obligation to work to prevent them from happening, said Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director for the Gender Relations Center.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which began yesterday, is an opportunity for survivors to speak out and begin to heal, while also increasing awareness within a broader audience, she said.

The weeklong series of events kicked off with a poster campaign. Today, an event titled “Take Back the Night” will seek to “literally break the silence surrounding the violence of sexual assault with voices of prayer, chanting and the sharing of stories,” Moriarty said.

“Take Back the Night is unique for us because we start with a prayer service, something not every college or university can do,” Moriarty said. “We start the march around campus at the Log Chapel this year, and we’re able as a religious institution to ask public questions about how to pray together.”

Laura Lauck, a “Take Back the Night” student organizer, said, “The week’s purpose is to bring awareness of this issue on campus and worldwide, but it also serves to bring people together to work towards healing and change.”

Moriarty said she hopes the awareness week will be beneficial. “A few years ago, our office did some intense focus group research and found that students really appreciated awareness weeks because they had lots of ways to be involved or only involved in one specific way,” Moriarty said. “It really brings more of a public presence to the topic and provides an opportunity to educate, both for those directly affected or those with friends or family who need their support.”

Moriarty said one in four women will be a survivor of an attempted or completed sexual assault by the time they finish college.

JPW allows parents to experience campus life

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame juniors spent the past three days with their parents experiencing everything that the University has to offer during the annual Junior Parents Weekend.

Now that the weekend of food, events and bonding has concluded, juniors can sit back and reflect on the experiences and memories that they shared with their parents over the course of the weekend.

“Junior Parents Weekend was nice because there was a lot of stuff to do,” junior Ryan Bahnik said. “Everyone seemed to really participate in the events and were really excited about it.”

The weekend had several events for the juniors and their parents to attend, including the Opening Gala Friday, the President’s Dinner Saturday and various dorm and college events where parents could have a more personal experience with the University of Notre Dame and with their children.

“Junior Parents Weekend is really organized and is better than your parents just coming up on a random weekend,” junior Michael Bohnert said. “I was able to show my parents what I’ve done and my accomplishments in a more personal way than just telling them.”

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By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

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INSIDE COLUMN
Speaking of JPW
At the Junior Parents’ Weekend Mass Saturday, Fr. Tom Eckert said in his homily that we should enjoy all of the meaningful conversations that the weekend would bring.
That comment struck me, because over JPW I did indeed have some fascinating conversations with friends, family and faculty members. And when I say fascinating, I mean awkward, inappropriate or overall just mortifying. And I’m leaving out the one where my dad and I discussed certain medical procedures I may or may not need.

Laura Myers
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THEME OF THE DAY: The Little Mermaid. Have you seen Prince Eric?
Neil O’Dougherty

Winnie the Pooh... oh, bother.
Jolynn Williams

“Meg, from ‘Hercules,’ because she’s got attitude and a backbone.”
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Trishi Spencer

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Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

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A lecture entitled “National Socialism in Philosophy: Being, History, Technology and Extermination in Heidegger’s Work” will be given today by Emmanuel Faye. It will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

A lecture, “Computation, Aesthetics, and the Contemporary Baroque,” will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.

The children’s book, “A Color of His Own,” by Leo Lionni, will be read at the Notre Dame Bookstore tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A seminar, “Prospects for Peace in Israel-Palestine,” will take place tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Dooley Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

A lecture entitled “A War on Terror by Any Other Name: What Has Obama Changed?” will take place tomorrow from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in Room C103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Conference to discuss human development

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The second annual Human Development Conference will bring students from all over the country and world together to discuss the best ways to address global development and aid.

The conference’s theme will be “People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World” and will take place on Feb. 26 and 27.

“We all really have a passion to bring change to the world, to make a difference,” senior and co-chair of the conference Andrew Seelaus, senior and co-chair of the conference Barbara VI Ho said. “I remem- ber ... someone saying, ‘It’s not enough to have a heart. You have to have a heart that sees.’ We have to understand the con- texts of the situations that we’re entering, the people and the culture that we’re trying to work with.

‘I think the conference is the center of that,’ she said.

The conference will feature research from 43 different countries, Jeremy Tamargo, senior and publicity manager for the conference, said.

It’s a student-led conference, with a committee of student mem- bers,” Tamargo said.

The conference is in tune with the mission of the University, Andrew Seelaus, senior and co- chair for the conference, said.

“If you look at the mission of the University, it’s totally in line with [the conference],” Seelaus said. “There’s definitely an interest on campus.”

In addition to there being interest on campus, Tamargo said the conference fills a need.

“Catholic social tradition teaches us that solidarity and preferential option for the poor,” he said. “As long as there’s a need for development, there’s a need for this confer- ence and the need to keep stu- dents engaged.

“They shouldn’t just be in the classroom, but taking that scholarship out of the class- room and applying it with action, creating social change.”

The conference’s focus is broad enough to incorporate students from every major, Ho said.

“Because it is a multi-discipli- nary conference, it provides a venue for people of all different disciplines to present how they think they can make a change in the world,” Seelaus said.

With the broad focus, Ho said she hopes students will begin to see development in a different light.

“I would hope that it would open their eyes to seeing human development as involving so many different fields,” Ho said.

Tamargo said big organiza- tions should not be the only ones doing development work.

“It starts with your own agency and taking action,” Tamargo said. “That’s the start- ing point.”

Seelaus said he hopes the conference will be an opportu- nity to show that students are taking action.

“[University President Fr. John] Jenkins talks about mak- ing Notre Dame a preeminent research institution in the coun- try, and I think this is just another great venue for us to showcase that, both graduate and undergraduate student research,” Seelaus said.

Lacey Haussamen, advisor from one of the conference’s sponsors, the Ford Family Program, said she sees the confer- ence as an opportunity for students to participate in an academic forum.

“One thing I think is so special about this conference is that it gives students a chance to real- ly participate in an academic conference,” Haussamen said. “It gives them an opportunity to present their research, particu- larly undergraduates who haven’t had that experience before.”

Tony Pohlen, also an advisor from the Ford Program, said the different viewpoints offered at the conference help breed ingenuity in thinking.

“Maybe one third of the pre- senters are Notre Dame stu- dents, but the others come from universities from across the country and internationally,” Pohlen said. “It brings together students that have had these amazing experiences around the world to present their work, but also to discuss their view- points.”

The conference will involve students from other universities as well, Seelaus said.

“We’ve got people coming in from various colleges, and if those people have a slightly dif- ferent perspective to human development that maybe is bet- ter in one realm while we are better in another realm, if we can put that together, we can make things happen,” Seelaus said.

“This is one event that the Ford Program is sponsoring that really allows students to be engaged in that discussion of development,” Pohlen said. “It’s not just faculty giving lec- tures. It’s not simple courses that we’re introducing. It’s students really engaged in development issues con- tributing to the thinking and the solving of those problems that affect people around the world.”

Registration ends tonight and can be completed at online at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Web site, but people are invited to attend even if they do not register.

The event will be held at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, with the reception and dinner in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center.

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SMC puts on ‘CSI: Live’ show for children

By ALICIA SMITH
Sports Writer

Complete with a smoke machine and special effects lighting, children were taken on a hands-on learning experience with CSI Live.

The show was recommended for children ages 8 and over and was presented Friday in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College. The event gave kids an experience where they could be introduced to the fascinating world of crime scene investigation through an exciting, interactive journey led by the CSI team, according to promotional fliers.

The show led the audience through the investigation of a crime scene. Actresses Theresa Koon and Bear Schaal played the two crime scene investigators, Sydney Mathis and David Hart.

“Crime scene investigation is a unique perspective,” said Jill Bartrom, sophomore. “I think they really enjoyed the show. They really got into it. When they asked for volunteers they were jumping up and down and jumping on seats,” said Bartrom.

In the performance, Hart and Mathias gave helpful pointers for solving crimes and uncovering clues within a crime scene. “A witness statement is one of the most important elements in finding suspects,” Mathias said during the performance.

Though only some members of the audience were called on stage, the entire ensemble was utilized for participation. Audience members were asked to stand, shout out answers and were asked to clap and cheer for the person who was the most likely suspect.

“I think the audience enjoyed it because it was so hands-on and they could participate in it. And it was something cool. They were helping to solve a crime,” Bartrom said.

Mathias and Hart also demonstrated many different techniques for investigating a crime. Hart explained that by using halomol, a chemical substance that is used by forensic investigators to detect blood, and a black light, traces of blood can be identified.

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“All Art is Propaganda.” Each student also wrote an essay, published for the exhibit catalog. Sherman, who has been involved with the collection for 15 years, said the class offered a unique research opportunity.

“They are writing about their own sake and forming these opinions of them- selves,” Sherman said. “They’re forming opinions, that’s a creative approach to a topic.”

According to the exhibition’s catalog, Gill began his career in London. In 1907, he moved to Ditching, England, where he helped establish the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic, a Catholic community of sculptors, writers, and other artists.

In 1934, Gill was commissioned by the Guild, according to the catalog, to create a monument to Eric Gill, himself a member of the Guild. The monument was never built, but it was never abandoned.

Hoffelder said through the collection seem extremely relevant.

“Gill’s work extended into multitudes of fields,” she said. “Aside from design fonts and sculptures, Gill was the artist who the whole community really rallied around those who have been directly affected, it’s a powerful experience. Not only does the individual become transformed, but the community as well.”

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The idea is that this isn’t just a women’s issue, this affects our whole commun- ity, but we realized it or not. Many people do in fact know someone who has been touched by this, they just don’t realize it,” she said.

Moriarty emphasized that student concerns are a top priority. The event schedule was made flexible to reflect what students were looking for at that time.

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who are responsible for the way your friends turned out.” Merola said that having events that involved interactions between the juniors and their parents created memorable experiences that brought the class together.

“On Sunday we got to go to the brunch and me and my parents really enjoyed that,” she said. “It was great to have the entire Class of 2011 and their parents all in one place.”

While the juniors said they enjoyed the official events that the University planned for the weekend, many students and their parents spent quality time together in less traditional ways.

Junior Erin Semler said having more social experiences with her parents during Junior Parents Weekend “was a greater insight into how life outside of the classroom functions.”

“My parents now have a better understanding of what college life is like,” she said.

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**Gov’t develops Great Lakes rescue plan**

Associated Press

TRAnSE CITY, Mich. — The Obama administration has developed a five-year blueprint for cleaning up the Great Lakes, a sprawling ecosystem plagued by toxic contamination, shrinking wildlife habitat and invasive species.

The plan envisions spending more than $2 billion for long-awaited repairs after a century of damage to the lakes, which hold 20 percent of the world’s fresh water. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the document, which Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, was releasing at a news conference Sunday in Washington.

“We’re committed to creating a new standard of care that will leave the Great Lakes better for the next generation,” Jackson said in a statement.

Among the goals is a “zero tolerance policy” toward future invasions by foreign species, including the Asian carp, a huge, ravenous fish that has overrun portions of the Mississippi River system and is threatening to enter Lake Michigan.

Other cleanup of the region’s most heavily polluted sites, restoring wetlands and other crucial habitats, and improving water quality in shallow areas, where invasive species are more likely to thrive, is expected to help save sturgeon, a prehistoric fish that can reach 8 feet long and 200 pounds but is endangered because of over-harvesting and habitat degradation.

The plan envisions spending $475 million. The newly released plan assumes yearly appropriations of the same amount through 2014, except for the $300 million Obama requested this month in his 2011 budget.

The 41-page plan sets out ecological targets and specific actions to be taken by 16 federal agencies working with state, local and tribal governments and private groups.

Among the goals it hopes to achieve by 2014, finishing work at five toxic hot spots that have languished on cleanup lists for two decades; a 40 percent reduction in the rate at which invasive species are discovered in the lakes; a measurable decrease in phosphorus runoff; and protection of nearly 100,000 wetland acres.

It also will help save species such as the lake sturgeon, an endangered sturgeon that has been stocked at five Great Lakes sites, the 10th and 20th most valuable threats identified for the Great Lakes.

Officials said the plan — combined with enforcement of existing environmental rules and the creation of new ones where needed — would help make Great Lakes fish safe to eat, their waters suitable for drinking and swimming, and their native plants and animals thriving.

The lakes provide drinking water to more than 30 million people and are the backbone of a regional economy dependent on tourism, outdoor recreation, shipping and manufacturing.

“We now have a golden opportunity, even a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to make huge progress,” Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, co-chairman of the Council of Great Lakes Governors, said in a telephone interview Saturday. “We’ve been talking about this for a long time. Now the federal government is putting some real resources behind it.”

Jeff Skelding, director of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, which represents environmental groups across the region, predicted Congress would boost Obama’s 2011 spending request to $475 million.

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**Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship**

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2010 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduates and undergraduates who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Freston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Sceandino. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O’Shaugnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of proposed research or foreign study which will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) two letters of recommendation
6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed;
7) a list of other sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2010

Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies

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Gas prices drop across nation

Among cities surveyed, Cheyenne, Wyo., had the lowest average price at $2.32 a gallon for mid-grade. Honolulu was the highest at $3.33. In California, the average price for a gallon of regular was $2.87.

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In the quest to rebuild Haiti, the international community and business leaders are dusting off a pre-quake plan to expand its low-wage garment assembly industry as a linchpin of recovery. President Barack Obama’s administration is on board, encouraging U.S. retailers to obtain from Haiti at least 1 percent of the clothes they sell.

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What do you eat every day, and where is it from? Farmers in England reported that students who visit their farms assume carrots grow on trees and get confused when presented with the fact that beef and milk come from the same animal family.

Let’s connect our- selves with the past five years has been the societal par- allel to the technical and green revolution that gave world the capacity to sup- port seven billion people. As Americans, we micro-eat rather than macro-eat. Countless Websites and products discuss farm-to-table, fruits, vegetables, etc.; in most foods that are sold in stores, but try searching where the ingredients of the produce come from and only a few recent documentaries show up. What are we eating?

Let’s go through just one lunch. We’ll call the outcome your “foodprint.” (Try saying that with a German accent, it makes the joke funnier.)

You make a sandwich of wheat bread — market wheat from Indiana and yeast made from molasses, which was made from sugar cane grown in Brazil on former tropical forest land, poor in nutrients and only temporarily farmable after the forest clearing. Your chicken likely came from North Carolina on a chicken farm where thou- sands of chickens were housed in cages for 81 days in the same crowded chicken house, fed antibiotics and Vitamin D- rich feed that allows the chickens to live longer. Before the 20th-century chicken- ence struggled to live in live less sunny times of the year, they were a seasonal food. Your tomato came from South Florida, picked by migrant workers — a dispen- sable workforce for agricultural companies, for these people have hardly any rights America that growing. Your banana came on a diesel tanker from Ecuador to San Diego on a giant tanker than trucked 2,100 miles to South Bend, Ind., think about how many times you failed to actually eat that food. You left your banana in the room or your bag, and then decided the brownish-green, unseasonable and unappetizing curve of a fruit should be thrown out. We throw out food that traveled upwards of 5,000 miles to get to us because we don’t feel like eating it, and thereby not con- tributing to landfill issues, but also waste water.

Waste water is intrinsically tied to food waste because of the amount of water agriculture demands. Dr. Emerson Nazifegar of the University of Illinois esti- mates that to raise a ton of wheat even in the fertile Midwest needs 9,500 gallons of water. At World Water week in Stockholm this past year, scientists calculated that each day, we waste 500,000 tons of food, worth approximately $48.3 billion. That much food waste equals to about 30 trillion liters (10.5 trillion gallons) of water. The world could provide water for 500 million households — roughly five times the number of households in America.

Wasting food becomes a human rights issue.

When we waste food we waste oil. The oil itself can carry New York City’s form of CO2, smog and particulate matter, while the last but not least — that we can’t consume it, and speak the truth promptly — causes wars and kills citi- zens of nations all over the world. Throwing away out-of-season produce causes a higher demand for that pro- duce, thus more under-paid workers are employed as migrant workers by huge agricultural industries.

Eating mindfully can significantly expedite aid all of the world’s human rights issues. If we know what we eat in sea- son, where our food came from and how it got there, we appreciate it in a different way. Only then do we finish our food, take what we can eat and not waste the massive efforts of people, ani- mals and the earth that it took for the food to get to us to support our lives. Wasting less food can help the earth and the people on it who are suf- fering not by transferring the food to the poor, but by minimizing the strains of its production. Think about that next time you throw away half your meal in the dining hall.

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Reconsider Innsbruck decision

Dear Mark Easley (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18) for your enlightening insights to the facts of life. While you shed some light on the value of hard work, you have missed some very important points.

Yes, life is hard. The difficulties of day-to-day life can’t be ignored. And, unfortunately, some people have it tougher than others. At the same time, don’t you think the university has a responsibility to do what we can to improve this world, thus making life easier for our fellow humans? We can to improve this world, thus making life easier for our fellow humans?

Now, I am in no way judging the lives of the fine workers at this university. I’m sure many of them lead fulfilling lives and can’t always appreciate the advantages of which we are all subject. If you would personally go to night school or community college, making a personal sacrifice, to get ahead in life. But what if they can’t afford tuition? What if they are already working as much as they can, letting students like you enjoy the life we have on campus, and can’t afford to make any more sacrifices like this job? Surveys reveal that some people actually like to go home and spend time with their spouses or families. A raise in building and food service workers’ wages isn’t a handout; it’s just fair compensation for the job they’re doing. Now, I am no way judging the lives of the fine workers at this university. I’m sure many of them lead fulfilling lives and are happy with their jobs. The thing is, there are still people struggling day-to-day out in the world, who can’t always appreciate the advantages of which we are all subject. If you would personally

First of all, thank you Mr. Easley for your “Words of wisdom” (Feb. 18), but I would have expected a little more wisdom and a little less ignorance from a student that comes into contact with building and food service employees daily. Allow me to explain a few things about life you may have missed.

1. Life is hard. For many people, higher education is not a possibility. Everyone has been dealt a difficult hand in life and not everyone is as fortunate to go to Notre Dame as you. Fact.

2. You say most people have a spouse or family member to help support them when times “get hard,” but what you fail to see is when you’re making almost $4 under the living wage, times are always hard. You may then petition your other philanthropic pursuits and I’m sure you will have no trouble finding takers. You may then petition your own employer for higher wages to fund your other philanthropic pursuits and see the reaction with which your request is met. However, such projects are not to be demanded of the University or anyone else, even with ill-conceived appeals to morality.

Michael Kress
Shoshun
Zahn Hall
Feb. 18

ND workers always behind the Juneses

Dear Colleen Lowry

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LeMans Hall
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Bob Woodrick alumnus
Class of 1969
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Welcome to capitalism

Dear Mr. Nowak (“Words of social justice,” Feb. 19) and Mr. McElligott (“No words of wisdom,” Feb. 19). University employees are not coerced into working against their will. If their services were more valuable than their current wages indicate, then they would get them. There is, after all, a place for more than a decade should receive a substantial amount more after a decade of service than when they first started. 4. Yes, we live in a free society, but let me tell you something that I think should be more widely understood. A lot more freedom for some than there is for others. Working more than one job per day puts physical, emotional and familial strain on people. In this economy, most people cannot afford to quit their jobs simply because it is not their passion. I’m sure it’s no one’s passion to clean Mark Easley’s hair off the shower wall, but sure enough, Mark, I’m sure your Keenan Hall shower is quite a bit more than $9?” Only a few would hope that someone who has worked at a place for more than a decade would receive a substantial amount more after a decade of service than when they first started. 4. Yes, we live in a free society, but let me tell you something that I think should be more widely understood. A lot more freedom for some than there is for others. Working more than one job per day puts physical, emotional and familial strain on people. In this economy, most people
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Scene had a chance to interview the actors and director behind the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s most recent student production, “Natural Selection.” Scene was fortunate enough to pick the brains of the thespians behind the play, including director, Tim Hardy, a visiting professor who’s been here before as part of the Actors From The London Stage, Eddie Velasquez, a senior theatre major who plays Zhao, and Kevin Barsaloux, a sophomore theatre major who plays Henry Carson.

What’s the most exciting part of “Natural Selection?”

Tim Hardy: It’s entertaining. It’s a comedy. It’s America in the future, where we’re totally dependent upon gizmos and nothing is real anymore. It’s what happens when we go too far in that direction.

Kevin Barsaloux: The most exciting part for me has been working with so many talented people. Everyone involved has been fantastic and every aspect of the show is coming together in a great way. Also, Eric Coble, the playwright, is coming to the Friday performance, so that’s really exciting.

What challenges have you faced?

Kevin Barsaloux: One of the challenges has been getting used to the clothes of the future and doing quick changes taking the clothes from my belt, which is like a 360-degree fanny pack. Yes the costumes are awesome, and I totally hope this is where fashion trends are going because you never really know when you’ll need a safari jacket.

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What’s the most interesting aspect of this performance?

Kevin Barsaloux: Two words: Sloppy Joes.

Eddie Velasquez: There are many extremely ridiculous moments onstage, as the whole play is an absolute riot. Perhaps the most ridiculous involves eating, but I don’t want to give the scene away.

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Student Actor

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Premiering this Tuesday at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, "Natural Selection," by playwright Eric Coble is an absurdist play, which is guaranteed to make the audience laugh, and reflect on their modern lives.

Performed by Notre Dame students and directed by Tim Hardy, "Natural Selection" takes place in the future where everyone eats microwave food, posts on blogs instead of engaging in actual conversation, wears tight sparkly leggings and has an entire wardrobe in their fanny packs. In this time setting, there is the Cultural Fiesta Theme Park where all things "cultural" are displayed — including Native Americans. When their Native American "stock" begins to run low, however, curator Henry Carson (sophomore Kevin Barsaloux) decides to go into the desert and bring back another specimen of this rare breed. Unfortunately, his precious find turns out to be part Nicaraguan with Chino-Brazilian ancestry. Paid to pretend to be a genuine Navajo, the adventures begin as the world starts to seemingly revolt against the technological taming which has been overriding nature. And so "natural selection" begins... and may the fittest survive.

The absurdity of the scenario we are presented with, complemented by the costumes and the dialogue, draws the viewer into a reality not so far from our own — but given an extra satirical twist. Nowadays, many families already eat only microwave food and to some people, blogging is the new in-person conversation. When the main character's child is at a virtual school, playing the clarinet in his virtual band, we might feel a sneaking suspicion that in a not too distant future this might be our family. It’s a realization that gives us no other option than to laugh. And indeed, “Natural Selection” is a highly comical play that has a plot that is sure to make the audience toss their heads back in laughter, if not feel a touch of sadness or even concern for the path our lives seem to be taking.

Scenes such as the interaction of Carson with his wife, or his family with the half-native he captures, are interesting to watch as Coble adapts our current modern life with what is, to a certain extent, a prediction of the future. “Natural Selection” is reminiscent of Aldous Huxley’s classic “Brave New World,” having the same comic appeal rooted in the fear for a lonely future, where robotic attitudes compromise intrapersonal interactions and “culture parks” are presented as a wild form of entertainment, although the number of authentic “indigenous peoples” is now scarce. What is frightening to realize, and what “Natural Selection” highlights, is that these people, who are more and more rare to encounter, are the ones who carry our culture — thus being placed in a Cultural Theme Park. Technology is overriding our lives and our culture, leaving us cultureless. What happens when this lifestyle culminates is what the play doubles in and what makes it such a success.

The play will be performed in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre, a black box theatre, where the ceiling, the walls and the chairs are black, highlighting the contrast with the white minimalist scenario. The only props are a couple of tables, chairs and futuristic laptops. The characters change clothes on stage, adding or removing a jacket, tie or apron from their handy fanny packs. Extensively rehearsed and anxiously anticipated, “Natural Selection” is not to be missed.

“Natural Selection,” presented by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, will premiere tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and run through Sunday. Tickets are available online and at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center box office. They are $10 for students, $12 for faculty and staff, and $15 for the general public.
PITTSBURGH — No. 19 Pittsburgh controlled the tempo and the offensive rebounding to hand No. 3 Villanova its second consecutive loss.

Ashton Gibbs scored 21 points, Gilbert Brown added 16 and Gary McGhee’s 10 rebounds led the Panthers to the upset of the Wildcats 70-65 on Sunday.

The first meeting between the two teams since Villanova’s dramatic NCAA tournament win last year turned out to be another typical, physical Big East matchup. Last season, star guard Scottie Reynolds’ last-second basket gave the Wildcats a 78-76 win to send them to the Final Four.

“For the players that left last Sunday for Reynolds, who finished with 27 points, was pretty tough,” said Villanova coach Jay Wright. “When we were winning, that’s what we told them. It’s what we always talk about.”

Villanova was expected to contend for the Big East title from the start of this season. For Pitt its successful season is a surprise given how all the talent it lost from last season’s team, including big man DeJuan Blair.

But Pitt’s third victory over a top-five opponent this season —the Panthers have also beaten the Orange and West Virginia —has been built around the offensive and defensive play of senior forward Gilbert Brown.

“Scottie’s last game was a baseline move with 1:29 left that left us down four,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said. “We came together, the whole team. It’s what we always played for, that a loss could be a turning point.”

Brown spent most of the first half on the bench with two fouls and had to fend off harassing defense from the Panthers, including Dixon, much of the afternoon.

Brown’s thunderous dunk off a baseline move with 1:29 left gave the Panthers (21-6, 10-4 Big East) a six-point lead.

Wisconsin 70, Northwestern 63

With some shaky free throw shooting down the stretch, Jon Leuer showed that he still isn’t all the way back from a broken wrist that caused him to miss a big chunk of the Big Ten season.

But his critical blocked shot in the closing seconds of Sunday’s narrow victory over Northwestern shows how important the big man can be for No. 14 Wisconsin.

With the Badgers leading by three, Leuer jumped to block a layup attempt by the Wildcats’ Michael Thompson with 11 seconds remaining.

Jason Bohannon and Trevon Hughes each sank a pair of free throws from there, allowing Wisconsin to escape with a win.

“The block was just trying to make up for all those free throws I missed,” Leuer said. “It’s what we were thinking there.”

Bohannon scored 17 points to lead the Badgers (20-7, 10-5 Big Ten), who had lost two of their last three games coming into Sunday.

John Shurna scored 26 for the Wildcats (17-10, 6-9), who narrowly missed a chance at an impressive road win and had lost two of their last three coming into Sunday.

“I think we came together,” Shurna said. “It’s kind of tough to say after a loss we did well. I think it shows the talent we’ve got. Oh, we could’ve just laid an egg like we’ve been doing lately, but I think we stayed strong.”

Ohio State 74, Michigan State 67

Ohio State’s Evan Turner was dealing with a cold, flu-like symptoms when he arrived at Michigan State for a crucial Big Ten road game.

He left town feeling much better after the Buckeyes earned a victory Sunday.

Turner had a strong second half that left with 20 points and 10 rebounds to tighten the conference standings.

The No. 9 Buckeyes (21-6, 11-4) and No. 11 Spartans (21-7, 11-4) are tied for second place in the Big Ten, half-game behind Purdue.

Turner rested in the bleach-down the stretch of the second half. But his teammates played well in his absence.

Michigan State’s Draymond Green, who finished with 11 points. "They worked a lot on the back down there, either way," Izzo said. "We have to beat Purdue down there, either way." Ohio State plays at Penn State and then hosts Michigan later this week.

The Buckeyes quieted the Breslin Center crowd in a big run midway through the first half to grab a 23-12 lead. Buford had nine points in the first 12 minutes, while Dallas Lauderdale had three dunks off half-court sets.

Turner made only one of his first eight shots and scored just two points in the first half. But his teammates helped out and the Buckeyes took a 39-26 halftime lead.

"It showed we can score," Turner said of the solid team effort. "It's not just me. It's all the guys. They made a lot of good plays." Ohio State outrebounded Michigan State 41-38.

The Spartans made just 9 of 27 shots in the first half, while committing nine turnovers. Michigan State protected the ball better and shot better in the second half. Turner had six points in the second half.

"I don't know what I was thinking there," Turner said. "I told them. It's what we always played for, that a loss could be a turning point."
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New York — Across the media landscape, time stopped for 13 1/2 minutes Friday as Tiger Woods emerged from the shadows with a much-awarded, tightly packaged video apology for his sexual escapades.

Democrats of broadcast networks, cable news outlets and online streams carried his scripted statement live, allowing a global audience to see and hear from Woods for the first time since his public image went into free fall nearly three months ago.

Viewers by the millions paused to watch and listen as the golfer spoke from the clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass, home of the PGA Tour, in Ponte Vedra, Fla. Meanwhile, news anchors, TV pundits and morning show hosts sat ready to ponte with their reviews.

ABC’s George Stephanopoulos called the speech “one of the most remarkable public apologies ever by a public figure.”

He (Tiger) left nothing on the table,” Stephanopoulos said. “This is a man who has thought a lot about what he did.”

Rick Cerone, former New York Yankees public relations director, disagreed. “What I saw was arrogance. It was basically an infomercial,” he said on CNN.

I think he was very genuine in his responses and his statement,” Debret Cook, publisher of African American Golfer’s Digest, said on BBC News 24 television in London. “I think we are entering a whole new era spiritually and emotionally for Tiger Woods. There’s always going to be the doubters out there but I think we have to take him at his word and watch his actions.”

CBS’ David Feherty, who was present when Woods had the circuit, said, “I have never seen him appear so vulnerable... I was very impressed with what he said.”

“The vast number of people just want their Tiger Woods back,” Feherty said. “Covering Woods’ appearance were networks as far-flung as the Golf Channel and business network CNBC (which had a digital countdown clock on the screen beforehand and dubbed Woods’ remarks his ‘Media Calypso’).

It was unusual for such a broad swath of TV outlets to handle several minutes of precious airtime to any public figure with a message to peddle, no questions asked.

On the other hand, Woods’ message was short, dramatic and — no matter if you bought his remorse or not — gripping when he declared, “I was unfaithful, I had affairs, I cheated. What I did is not acceptable, and I am the only person to blame.”

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West Virginia at Connecticut

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Bulls at Wizards

7 p.m., CSN

In Brief

Damon completes physical, prepared to join Tigers

LAKELAND, Fla. — A person familiar with the negotiations says Johnny Damon has completed his physical with the Detroit Tigers, clearing the way for the team to finalize a one-year contract with the outfielder.

The person spoke Sunday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn’t been announced.

Another person familiar with the situation said Saturday night that the Tigers and Damon agreed on an $8 million, one-year deal, subject to a physical.

The 36-year-old Damon would bring another left-handed bat to the Tigers’ lineup besides switch-hitter Carlos Guillen. Guillen and Damon would likely alternate between left field and designated hitter, but manager Jim Leyland says Guillen would be his everyday hitter but out of the No. 5 slot. Leyland said he told Guillen last fall that he would be the full-time left fielder.

Mayor of Rome announces plans to build baseball stadium

LUSANNE, Switzerland — Baseball is about to have a permanent home in Rome.

Mayor Gianni Alemanno announced plans Sunday to donate a parcel of land for a new, baseball-specific stadium that can host international events. It will be built in Tor Vergata, an area southeast of the city where there’s a campus for the University of Rome.

“Rome doesn’t have a baseball stadium that can host international events and as a mayor, I felt I had to fill this deficiency,” Alemanno said in a statement issued following an executive meeting of the International Baseball Federation.

The meeting was the first under the direction of IBF president Riccardo Fraccari, who hopes to expand the game on a global basis after it was removed from the Summer Olympics.

“I am positive baseball has a great potential in Rome,” Alemanno said.

Mauer enters spring training without contract extension

FORT MYERS, Fla. — American League MVP Joe Mauer reported to spring training for the Minnesota Twins on Sunday without a contract extension in place.

He hasn’t talked specifics about the negotiations all offseason and said that won’t change now that spring training is beginning.

“I’m not going to get into that,” the catcher said. “It would just open up a can of worms.”

Mauer is entering the final year of his deal and the Twins are trying to get a long-term extension done before the regular season begins. The Twins have also refused to publicly discuss the process.

He won his third AL batting crown last year for his hometown team and helped lead the Twins to the AL Central title.

Mauer said he expected to field a lot of questions about contract negotiations from the local and national media and that he would handle them the same way.

Associated Press
Miller makes comeback for Olympic victory

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Bode Miller finally won his elusive gold medal, using a blistering slalom run Sunday to complete one of the most unlikely Olympic comebacks ever.

Four years after bombing out amid lofty expectations at the Turin Games and a year after practically walking away from the sport, Miller won the super-combined for his third medal in as many events at Vancouver.

Seventh after the morning downhill run, Miller skied the third-fastest afternoon slalom leg for a two-run time of 2 minutes, 44.92 seconds — a comfortable 0.33 ahead of Ivica Kostelic of Croatia, who matched his silver medal at Turin, Silvan Zurbriggen of Switzerland claimed bronze, 0.40 back.

For a guy who has insisted that medals aren’t important, this one clearly was special.

“The way I executed, the way I skied, is something I’ll be proud of for the rest of my life,” Miller said. “I didn’t hold anything back. … It’s just awesome. There’s nothing — I didn’t hold anything back. … I skied with 100 percent heart and soul and a willpower I’ve never had before.”

Miller has also won a silver and a bronze at the Vancouver Games — a sharp contrast from his no-medal performance in Turin.

Miller said he was running on “fumes” following his first two races, the downhill and the super-G. “I felt awesome about it,” he said. “But still, it’s incredibly emotionally exhausting to do it like that.

“I’ve got one leg that’s injured and another leg that’s on my boat already,” he added, looking forward to his postseason vacation.

Miller and Kostelic were 1-2 in a slalom run when downhill leader Aksel Lund Svindal came down, and when the big Norwegian failed to complete his slalom leg, Miller had the gold medal that had eluded him since he burst onto the scene at Salt Lake City in 2002.

“I figured they both had really good runs, so I couldn’t hold back,” Svindal said. “I had to attack it if I had any chance to get that gold.”

Miller was faster than Svindal on the upper section of the downhill run, but acknowledged a series of mistakes on the lower part. Still, having begun his career as a slalom specialist, he wasn’t counting himself out and charged all the way down in the second leg.

Miller increased his lead at both checkpoints in the slalom. He skied fluidly on the top, then started to get bounced up in the air as he tried to maintain his speed on the quicker gates in the lower section, just barely making one gate after another.

He dropped some speed before the finish but maintaining enough to beat Kostelic. Miller called the second half of his slalom run “a joke.”

“I don’t know how I got those last 1 1/2 gates through the finish,” he said. “It was literally just willpower, because my legs were completely shot.”

The last of Miller’s five World Cup slalom wins came more than five years ago, and he has been searching since then to rediscover his form in the discipline.

This run should satisfy him.

Miller let out a big smile upon crossing the finish line and stuck out his tongue while the crowd roared its approval.

“Slalom in my mind is the toughest event,” Miller said. “When you ski slalom well, it’s the best event there is. When you ski it poorly, it’s the worst event there is.”

What’s more, Miller managed to survive a slalom course set by Kostelic’s father and coach, Ante, who is known for his tricky sets.

“Slalom skiers could make up time.”

Svindal said. “I had to attack it if I had any chance to get that gold.”

“Slalom skiers for sure wouldn’t have a great chance if the slalom course was simple,” Ivica Kostelic said. “The setting was quite demanding, but not as demanding as it could be. But demanding enough so that the slalom skiers could make up time.”

Along with his father, Kostelic shared the moment with older sister Janica, who won the combined at the past two Olympics, then retired.

“We’ve been together all of our lives,” Ivica Kostelic said. “I think it’s fair that we share this moment together as well. Dad’s course certainly helped.”

Carlo Janka of Switzerland finished fourth and Ted Ligety, the American who won the traditional combined in Turin, finished fifth despite posting the fastest slalom run.

When Ligety won four years ago, the combined used the traditional format of one downhill run and two slalom legs. With only one slalom run now, the new format doesn’t favor Ligety as much, and he had too much ground to make up after placing 15th in the downhill. Still, Ligety was pleased to have Miller replace him as Olympic champion — adding to his four world championship golds in four different disciplines.

“It’s been really motivated,” Ligety said. “It’s cool to really see him win an Olympic gold. That’s what’s been missing from his resume.”

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Olympics

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to kill, and a time to heal. A time to break down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather them. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to embrace, and a time to refrain; a time to laugh, and a time to weep. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. Friday, February 26

“A Time To Heal” Dinner with Speakers

5:30–7:00 pm Legends

John Cavadini, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Theology
Susan St. Ville, Associate Director of Academic Programs, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
Tim Latham, President of Men Against Violence
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Survivor stories will be read by an emcee.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Men win Indoor Big East championship

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

With five individual titles and 15 all-Big East selections, the Irish men claimed the 2010 Indoor Big East championship this weekend for the fourth time in eight seasons. The women’s squad also made an impressive showing, finishing sixth.

In a dominating performance on the men’s side, sophomore Johnathan Shawel won the 1,000-meter run, senior Eric Quick won the triple jump, sophomore Jack Carlson and senior Daniel Clark in the men’s mile, finishing second and third respectively, both earned all-conference honors in the process.

Senior Blake Choplin finished second in the men’s 1,000, while Denes Veres also earned points for the Irish and Big East honors, finishing second in the men’s shot put. The men’s 4 x 800-meter relay finished second and earned all-Big East honors.

Up next for the Irish is the final qualifying meet for the indoor season, the Alex Wilson Invitational at Notre Dame on March 5-6. The Irish will look to add to the already lengthy list of NCAA Championship qualifiers in that meet. Schultz, Howard and Matt and Kevin Schipper are among the Irish who have already qualified.

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ND loses one-point match

By KATE GRABAREK
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The Irish dropped a tough match Saturday against No. 25 Washington by a score of 4-3.

The Huskies were the seventh ranked team the Irish have faced in eight dual matches this season. It was the fourth match this season decided by a one-point margin.

“Our match with Washington was a disappointment in that we had hoped we were capable of going out there and winning,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “We got strong efforts from Dan Stahl, David Anderson and Sam Keeton in their singles wins, but fell short on our reconstitutive surgery. That was the biggest lesson of our worst chance to win came at No. 2 singles as Stephen Havens lost a tie-breaker to drop the first set and lost momentum after that."

The Irish fell behind early after being swept in doubles.

Junior Tyler Davis and sophomore Casey Watt teamed up at No. 1 doubles for the Irish and fell by a score of 8-1 to Kyle McMorrow and Jeevan Nedunchozhiyan. Junior Stephen Havens and sophomore Niall Fitzgerald fell at No. 2 doubles for the Irish 4-2 to Derek Drabell and Martin Kildahl, while juniors David Anderson and Dan Stahl fell at No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-3.

“The disappointment for me has been our doubles play lately,” Bayliss said. “We started the season strongly there, but have not been very effective recently. We are really going to look at our next qualifying match to see if some adjustments are necessary.”

No. 51 Nedunchozhiyan was able to defeat Watt at No. 1 singles to give Washington a 2-0 lead early in the match.

No. 101 Stahl was able to cut the lead in half with a win over Drabell at No. 3 singles. No. 105 Irish freshman Bias Moros was defeated at No. 5 singles by Tobi Okeanus by a score of 6-3, 6-0, to put Washington within a win on any court to clinch the match.

The winning point came from McMorrow for Washington as he won over No. 123 Havens at No. 2 singles 7-6 (2), 6-3. Anderson came through after the match was decided at No. 4 singles to improve his record to 4-1 in dual matches this season for the Irish.

“David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed,” Bayliss said. “He has added good all court skills and can finish at the net, something which is important for him as a freshman. He has a big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and counters better than he did even a year ago and he has a real presence on the court and great determination.”

Sophomore Sam Keeton clinching the point for the Irish at No. 6 singles over Alex Rosinsky in three sets to give the Irish their third victory on the day.

The Irish will return home this weekend to host three matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Sunday and Monday with Michigan State Saturday at 3 p.m. The Irish will then host a dual meet against Wisconsin and Toledo.

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MLB

Pujols ready for new season

JUPITER, Fla. — For the first time in several years, Albert Pujols has peace of mind. Reconstructive elbow surgery no longer hangs over his head.

Last year’s unanimous NL MVP had a half-dozen bone spurs removed from his chronically troublesome right elbow during offseason surgery. When he awoke, doctors told him it was likely he’ll never have to undergo surgery again. That had been a possibility since 2002.

Pre- and postoperative consultation with Dr. James Andrews and Dr. George Paletta, the team physician, eased any worries. “I told Dr. Paletta’s and Dr. Andrews ‘If you go in there and you see something different from the test, go ahead and get it done,’” Pujols said Sunday. “They didn’t. It’s good news to hear Dr. Andrews tell me that they didn’t go in there and do anything. That’s why I have my agent, every question you want."

“As of right now, man, I don’t want to talk about it because I’m so sick and tired of everybody talking about my contract or writing about my contract every time,” he said.

Pujols said he’s not about to walk into the offices of chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. or general manager John Mozeliak to talk about a contract.

“Why I have my agent, and things are going to work out,” Pujols said.

Pujols and Matt Holliday both hit the field for the first time on Sunday, two days ahead of the first full-squad workout. That’s peace of mind for manager Tony La Russa, who joked, “We got better today, didn’t we?”

Pujols brought his family, including two-week-old son Ezra, anxious to swap snowy St. Louis for mid-70s temperatures at the team’s spring training complex in south Florida.

Holliday showed up not to knock off rust but to hit the ground running. “I came in ready to get after it,” Holliday said. “The first at-bat of the first game is what I’m really expecting results. It’s probably not a good idea but I’m here to compete.”

Both players had sessions with new hitting instructor Mark McGwire, who will work with them to work with the former home run king. They also have a good idea of McGwire’s approach after he and fifth-place hitter Ryan Ludwick spent two days with Big Mac in Austin, Texas, last month.

Pujols was a rookie in 2001, McGwire’s last season, and said he might have been too shy or too reluctant to invade the veteran’s space that year.
**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Belles earn No. 3 seed with victory**

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s defeated conference for Albion 62-47 for the first time since February 2007, and did so by a comfortable margin as the Belles closed out their regular season with a road victory clinching the third seed in the conference tournament.

The Britons jumped out to an early 11-3 advantage due to Saint Mary’s poor shooting from the field early in the game. However, about five minutes into the game, the Belles hit their first field goal and scored off a 10-0 run to take the lead. Albion tied the score again, but Belles sophomore guard Maggie Ronan scored two of her eight points, putting the Belles in front — where they would stay the rest of the game. Saint Mary’s stretched its lead to as much as 10, but the Britons continued to fight back, cutting the lead at the intermission to 26-23.

Coming out of the break, Saint Mary’s methodically but quickly built up the lead with a 9-2 run out of the gate, regaining a 10-point lead and keeping at least that margin for the rest of the game.

The offensive production was spread widely across the Belles’ players. Sophomore forward Jessica Centa had a solid all-around performance, posting a stat line of 16 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot. Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy had 10 points, while senior forward Anna Kammrath had nine points and led all rebounders with 14 boards. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney chipped in nine points as well.

Albion shot only 30 percent from the field after its hot start thanks to the Belles’ stifling defense. With the victory, Saint Mary’s earned the third spot in the MIAA tournament. The Belles will host a rematch of this game when Albion visits Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Angola Athletic Facility.

**MEN’S SWIMMING**

**Irish fall at conference meet to Louisville**

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

After taking home the last two Big East championships, the Irish settled for second after Louisville prevailed Saturday at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh. Louisville finished with a score of 808 points. Notre Dame finished with 758 points, ahead of Pittsburgh with 535.

Though his team relinquished the title, Irish coach Tim Welsh was impressed with the team’s performance.

“We are very pleased with how the guys raced,” Welsh said. “There were a lot of season and lifetime best times posted at the meet. There’s a lot of fight in the Fighting Irish.”

The Cardinals bounced back from a tough defeat in 2009 at the hands of the Irish in which they lost on the last relay of the championships. “The meet last year was decided on the very last race,” Welsh said. “There’s definitely been a rivalry these last three years at the Big East meet.”

The Irish were propelled to the second-place finish on the strength of several brilliant individual performances. Team leader and senior John Lyle finished second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 43.56 seconds, losing to Cincinnati’s Schneider, who put together a phenomenal meet that saw him set multiple Big East records. Freshman Bill Bass added a key swim in the 200-yard individual medley on Thursday, setting a Notre Dame record of 1:44.46 en route to a second-place finish.

The opening relay of the meet saw seniors Lylte, Andrew Hoffmann, Mackenzie LeBlanc and junior Steven Brus take home a first-place finish in the 800 freestyle relay, narrowly missing the school record with a time of 6:28.48.

“Bill Bass’s race was excellent, and John Lyle posted one of the fastest times in the nation in his event,” Welsh said. “Our relay in the 800 freestyle was also one of the fastest times in the nation this year.”

With the championships behind them, the Irish will now look forward to the rest of the swim schedule. “The Big East meet is over, but the competitive season is not finished,” Welsh said. “Primarily, we will look for a chance to compete in the National championships. Not everyone will get a chance to do that, but the people with the best times will compete.”

The Irish will be back in action on March 4 at the Austin Grand Prix in Texas.
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day separately, and there wasn't any carryover.”
Schrage said Notre Dame hopes that some of the momentum from this weekend will carry over for its upcoming games in Florida against Illinois and Ohio State.

“It was real important for us to get off to a good start,” Schrage said. “Next weekend we have a big challenge going up against Ohio State, a team that is top-20.”

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Irish senior first baseman Casey Martin takes a swing in a game last April. Martin had seven RBIs this weekend.

Irish junior infielder Katie Fleury takes a swing in a 2009 game.

Irish junior infielder Katie Fleury takes a swing in a 2009 game. Notre Dame won three games over the weekend.

ND SOFTBALL
Irish break losing streak with three quick wins

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Though the bad weather forced a cancellation of its last game, it didn’t hinder Notre Dame’s ability to win games this weekend and end the team’s four-game losing streak at the Mizuno Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss.

“We played really well together as a team, offensively and defensively, and it was nice to see the potential that we do have,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganef said. “We weren’t perfect but we played well enough to get the wins, and ultimately, that’s what’s most important.”

The Irish began the weekend Saturday with a 1-0 victory over Louisiana Tech.

The one Notre Dame run of the game came in the third inning when junior infielder Katie Fleury’s hard hit brought junior Sadie Pitzenberger around from second base. Starting pitcher junior Jody Valdivia shut out Tech while striking out 13.

“The pitching really stepped up this weekend,” Ganef said “Valdivia set the tone for us.”

Saturday night, the Irish handed Southern Mississippi (6-1) its first loss of the season on its home field in the form of a 7-6 defeat.

“We came out ready to go which was nice to see because Southern Mississippi had been playing well and heating good teams,” Ganef said. “Our girls came out with a hang and started putting the runs up early and put the other girls on their toes.”

The Irish started off strong in the first three innings, going up 7-0, but gave up six runs in the fourth inning. Luckily, the Irish were able to hold off the Golden Eagles.

“The difference between this weekend and last weekend was we weren’t in a must score position,” Ganef said. “We were able to put runs up before they were able to. We really focused this weekend, looking forward, not backwards.

Sunday, the Irish beat Stephen F. Austin State 3-0 for the team’s and Valdivia’s third win of the three total games Notre Dame played this weekend.

Senior infielder Christine Lux had a two-run home run in the top of the sixth inning. The Irish scored again soon when senior catcher Alexia Clay hit a triple, then went home on a wild throw from Stephen F. Austin State’s pitcher.

“Offensively, we were struggling against the left-handed pitcher that kept mixing up her pitches,” Ganef said. “But right before the sixth inning, we figured out a plan and we told the team what we expected in order to make an adjustment which they made, and we could score runs right away.”

The Irish got into a tight spot at the end of the seventh inning with the bases loaded, no outs, and the winning run at the plate. After one Ladyjacks foul out, and Valdivia’s final two strikeouts of the game, the Irish were able to win for the third and final time at the Mizuno Classic.

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“Tux. “I’m really happy for our guys and it’s a terrific accomplishment,” he said. “But let’s see where Duke finishes and where we finish. It’s the first game of the year, all it means is that we’re 1-0 and we’re thrilled to be 1-0.”

The Irish will face Penn State next Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center, looking to continue a regular-season winning streak dating back to an April 5, 2008 one-goal loss to Denver.

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cited his squad’s exhaustive list of injuries as the prime reason Notre Dame has faded as the CCHA season draws to a close.
"I think part of it is still a depth issue," Jackson said. "We lost [senior center] Kevin Deeth early in Friday night, our best faceoff guy, and it leads to fatigue when we’re playing a short bench. I think that hurt us Saturday night forced a shootout, with senior forward Tomas Petruska beating Johnson for the win.
Notre Dame is winless over the last four games, effectively dropping the team out of contention for a decent finish in the CCHA. The Irish will host Michigan in a home-and-home series next week in their season finale, hoping to put together some momentum before the conference tournament in March.
"I think we’ve got one more home game," Jackson said. "It’s going to be a special game for our senior class against Michigan. We have to put ourselves in a good position for the tournament. We have to go into the playoffs playing well."
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of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krikis. Partners Shannon Mathews and freshman Christie McGaffigan won their doubles match, as did seniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Bailey.
After losing the doubles point twice this season, the Irish have spent a large amount of their time in practice working on making sure that they had a good shot at getting both doubles points this weekend.
“We switched the combinations of the second and first doubles teams and the kids played well together,” Louderback said. “We have been struggling and working on doubles a lot, but switching the teams around really helped us.”
In the singles competition against Illinois, No. 23 Frilling beat the Illinois’ No. 85 Rachael White. Victories from McGaffigan, Krikis and Ciobanu rounded out the score to 5-2.
We had a tougher match against Illinois, and we played a little tentatively as we were down and had to come back,” Louderback said. “Though we lost a few of the first sets, the kids hung in there, and competed well in the end.”
The hype associated with beating Illinois carried over into Sunday.
“It was one of the few times we’ve competed as an underdog,” Louderback said.
The three doubles teams repeated their sweep against the Wildcats for the first point of the highly contested match. In singles competition, Frilling beat Northwestern’s No. 12 first singles player Maria Mosolova who defeated Frilling during the fall 2009 portion of the season. Mathews and Christie McGaffigan each defeated their nationally ranked opponents, No. 29 Samantha Murray and No. 108 Kate Turvy, respectively, to clinch the Irish win Sunday. Senior Cosmina Ciobanu added a fifth point to Notre Dame’s final score.
“We have a great rivalry with Northwestern,” Louderback said. “They outrebounded us, but McGraw considered the amount of time she was on the court to be too much. She was hopeful that her team would eventually be able to play Tuesday against Marquette.
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23 When a plane or train is due, for short
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2 Org. with many members
3 Mermaid member
4 Actress Cara
5 Early New York governor Clinton
6 Lima's locale
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9 Raise
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13 Clairvoyant's claim
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25 Former Texas senator Phil
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30 Before surgery
31 Medieval marital rift
32 Cosa Nostra leaders
33 Hilton rival
34 Man and Wight
35 Ford auto, briefly
36 Two-timed
37 Game show catchphrase #1
38 Things two-timed
39 Corporate raider Carl
40 Answers to Previous Puzzle
41 Sign before Visa
42 Neighbor of a petal
43 Game show catchphrase #3
44 Game show catchphrase #4
45 Western mil. alliance
46 Kind of movie glasses
47 Prisoner
48 H.S. Junior's handle
50 Thoroughfares: for short
51 Save, in a way, as some show
52 Moccasin
53 However, briefly
55 Game show catchphrase #4
56 Ricelike pasta
56 Fog or smog
57 Slight, as chances
58 Charter member of a Crown
59 Charter member of a Crown
60 In ___ (as originally located)
61 Moccasin decoration
62 Salvador who painted "The Persistence of Memory"
63 Halloweenish
65 Ricelike pasta
66 Analogous (to)
67 Uses ___-Unis
68 Comic book heroes originally called the Merry
69 Identify
70 Kinky Krame offering

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**A different kind of streak**

Irish drop their second in a row on the road

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

With a 76-66 loss at Georgetown Saturday, Notre Dame's second defeat in a row, the No. 4 Irish fell to fourth in the Big East, behind the No. 14 Hoyas.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she saw a perfect storm of circumstances coming together last week to cause to the Irish to stumble for one of the few times this season.

"It's a combination of things: we are playing good teams, we are going on the road and we don't have our go-to-player," McGraw said. "But we still could have won both games, but these are certainly not the best circumstances for us in a tough week."

McGraw attributed much of the team's recent losses to the absence of senior guard Lindsay Schrader, who missed her second consecutive game. "Groundhog Day," because they're trapped in the movie she saw a perfect storm of circumstances coming together last week to cause to the Irish to stumble for one of the few times this season.

**ND Women's Tennis**

ND upsets top-ranked Wildcats

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

For the first time in program history, Notre Dame beat the top-ranked team in the country. No. 17 Notre Dame followed a 5-2 upset of No. 1 Northwestern Sunday.

The Wildcats won the ITA National Kick-off Tournament last weekend, an event for which the Irish failed to qualify.

"When we were preparing for this weekend, the kids were upset with their ranking, not qualifying for the National Indoor Tournament and they felt like they needed to prove their respect back," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "The kids came back and fought hard."

Against the Illini, the Irish first won the doubles point with the help of the No. 8 doubles pairing see USPT/page 18

**Men's Lacrosse**

Irish upset second-ranked Duke to kickstart season in style

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

In a program first, the No. 9 Irish beat a top-two team Saturday with an 11-7 victory over second-ranked Duke in the season opener.

The Irish seized the lead with a goal by freshman midfielder Steve Murphy scored his first collegiate goal, in his first collegiate game. Duke got on the board with 4:29 left in the first quarter. It was the first of four goals in the frenetic end of the first quarter. The Irish led 4-2 at the first intermission and extended their lead to four halfway through the second quarter. The Blue Devils, however, continued to press and scored three times in a 30-second span to cut the Notre Dame advantage to 6-5 at halftime.

The third quarter was back-and-forth, but the Irish never lost the upper hand, taking a 9-7 lead into the final session. Notre Dame would score twice more in the fourth quarter to ice the victory.

Notre Dame was led offensively by a hat trick from junior midfielder Zach Brenneman, as well as two goal efforts from Igoe, Murphy and senior attack Neal Hicks.

Despite the offensive production from the Irish, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was most impressed by the defensive efforts.

"We were playing without Sam Barnes defensively, but all three [of the defenders playing] did a great job," Corrigan said. "Our short stick defensive midfielders were also really good, and our goalie played terrific."

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers had a 15-save performance.

Despite the landmark victory, Corrigan said the Irish will continue to look forward.

"It's the first game — we can put better in every single area of the game," he said. "Not to belittle what we did, but just to say there's still a lot of progress to be made."

Corrigan also said it is too early to put too much stock in one victory, regardless of the Blue Devils' powerhouse status.

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**Hockey**

Notre Dame drops two more

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish must be thinking they're trapped in the movie "Groundhog Day," because they keep playing the same game again and again.

Notre Dame tallied a loss and a shootout loss in a road weekend series against Bowling Green, with the Irish letting late leads slip away in each game. The rough weekend drops Notre Dame to 12-14-7 overall and 8-11-6-2 in the CCHA, 10th in the conference.

An inability to hold onto late leads has been a repeated theme for Notre Dame that led to the team's futility in the CCHA season. Irish coach Jeff Jackson

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**Baseball**

Martin leads the way in opening three wins

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame last won its first three games of the season in 2004. This weekend the Irish did just that, by a combined score of 39-10. Notre Dame topped Mississippi Valley State three times in three days, starting Friday, by scores of 12-4, 8-3 and 19-3, respectively. The success on the trip to Mississippi started with the defense and the pitching, Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

"What was nice about [the weekend] is we were able to throw a lot of guys," Schrage said. "That is always important early on. The strength of our club is the depth of our pitching staff."

While the pitching was stalwart in all three games, Notre Dame notched seven walks on the weekend, with a home run in each of the first two games. Martin opened his season with a 4-for-5 performance Friday, and fellow seniors Byne Intlekofer and left fielder Ryan Connolly also sent balls over the fence.

"Casey had a great week-

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